Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In view of the effort being expended to develop the H.248/MEGACO protocol, it could be beneficial to use that protocol in a wide variety of communication environments, including GPRS for example. Aspects of this effort are described in "Feasibility Study for Transport and Control Separation in the PS CN Domain", 3GPP TR 23.873 ver. 1.1.0 (Jan. 2001), which is incorporated here by reference. Further aspects are described in U.S. Patent Applications No. 09/xxx,xxx 09/903,364 and No. 09/xxx,xxx 09/903,365, both filed on July 11, 2001, by F. Bjelland et al. Nevertheless, how the H.248/MEGACO protocol might be used in a packet-switched network like GPRS/UMTS or GPRS/TDMA has not been defined. One contributor to this problem may be that the split architecture is not yet standardized for GPRS.

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